

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SAMUEL F. BULL,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-0101-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's objections (Dkt. No. 4) to the report and recommendation ("R&R") of the Honorable J. Richard Creatura, United States Magistrate Judge. (Dkt. No. 3.) Having thoroughly considered Plaintiff's objections and the relevant record, the Court hereby ADOPTS the R&R and OVERRULES the objections.

Plaintiff alleges First Amendment violations based on Julian Assange's detention. (Dkt. No. 1 at 5.) The R&R recommends the Court *sua sponte* dismiss Plaintiff's complaint and not grant leave to amend because Plaintiff lacks standing to pursue his claims and this deficiency cannot be cured through amendment. (Dkt. No. 3 at 2–3.) Plaintiff asserts this was error. (Dkt. No. 4 at 1–3.)

A district court must conduct a *de novo* review of those portions of a magistrate judge's R&R to which a party properly objects. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(3). A party

properly objects when he or she files “specific written objections” to the R&R as required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(2).

The Court has carefully reviewed Plaintiff’s objections, which are legally baseless. In each instance, either the facts in those cases are distinguishable to this case or the legal conclusions do not stand for the propositions Plaintiff makes. (*See* Dkt. No. 4 at 1–3.) Nor are his legal contentions otherwise supportable. (*Id.*) He fails to establish error in the R&R.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby ORDERS that:

- (1) The R&R (Dkt. No. 3) is ADOPTED;
- (2) Plaintiff’s objections (Dkt. No. 4) are OVERRULED;
- (3) Plaintiff’s complaint is DISMISSED without prejudice and without leave to amend; and
- (4) The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of this order to Plaintiff and to Judge Creatura.

DATED this 18th day of March 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Coughenour", written over a horizontal line.

John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE